



## PATENT

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Applicant(s): Michael R.S. Hill et al. Docket: P-8969.00  
 Serial No.: 10/039,307 Group Art: 3762  
 Filed: October 26, 2001 Examiner: Unknown  
 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY STIMULATING  
       THE NERVOUS SYSTEM TO IMPROVE VENTRICULAR  
       DYSFUNCTION, HEART FAILURE, AND OTHER CARDIAC  
       CONDITIONS

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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers mailed March 6, 2002, applicants respectfully enclose substitute drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84 for examination.

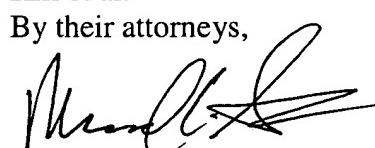
The Notice cited 37 CFR 1.84 because the drawing sheets originally submitted did not have the correct margins. This has been corrected, and the substitute drawing sheets are enclosed, along with a copy of the Notice.

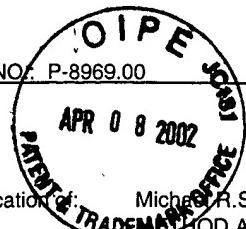
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TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: Michael R.S. Hill et al.  
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Response and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this

27th day of March 2002.

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 Signature  
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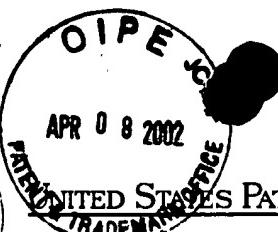
We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- RESPONSE Transmittal
- RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS
- SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS
- COPY OF NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS
- Return Postcard

- Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Amendment Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
- Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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